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REMARKS

1. A shipment of 18 rocket launchers

40 trucks carrying ammunition and equipment

ration supply truck, field kitchen, and about 250 officers and EM were detrained in Mechterstedt after 4 p.m. on 20 September 1953. The detrained vehicles left toward Kindel in the following order: alternately 2 rocket launchers and 1 ammunition truck, with the other vehicles following. Motor vehicles seen on the road from Grossenlunnitz to the Kindel training grounds.

2. Between 23 and 29 September, reports of rocket firing were daily heard from

the Kindel training area between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Major infantry exercises with armored support were daily held north of Highway No 84. Practice ammunition was used, and dummy buildings were erected about 800 meters north of Highway No 84. A fire was observed there almost every night, while light artillery pieces fired with high-explosive shells. Three large one-story wooden buildings and 5 underground bunkers, in which artillery and infantry ammunition was stored, were located about 150 meters north of the Kindel cantonment. The bunkers were guarded by a double sentry each and the low wooden buildings by two double sentries each.

1. Comment. The train is believed to have been from Altengrabow. It probably carried a battalion of the 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps which returned to Kindel from Altengrabow, where it had arrived on 14 September.

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